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## From the Director...

The Maryland State Agency for Surplus Property (MSASP) is an active member in the National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property (NASASP). There are 56 states, territories, and possessions that comprise the membership of NASASP, and more than 60,000 donee organizations that participate in the Federal Surplus Property Donation Program.

The purpose of the association is to continue to promote extending the useful life of federal surplus property through donation to eligible organizations.

As a member of NASASP's Legislative Committee, I attended the US House of Representatives Subcommittee on Government Management and Information and Technology. Steve Perica, Director of the Arizona State Agency for Surplus

Property, and president of NASASP, provided comments to the committee on the Association's concerns with proposed legislation.

The Association's primary concern with the legislation is preventing passage of bills which would allow federal agencies to retain proceeds from the sale of personal property. It is in NASASP's belief that passage of these bills unamended would spell the end of the federal donation program and it would not be an effective use of taxpayer's assets.

The committee, which was chaired by Congressman Stephen Horn, (CA), was receptive to President Perica's comments. In particular, Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski, (PA), spoke of his long familiarity with the federal donation program and the benefits it had brought his state. The committee

recessed on these bills and no action has been taken yet.

We will be sending representatives from MSASP to NASASP's 53rd Annual Summer Conference July 29th-August 3rd in Savannah, GA. Look for a convention report in a future issue of this newsletter.

As a committee member, I will continue to monitor the progress of this and other legislation that may impact our program. It may become necessary for me to request our donee organizations write or call their Congressional representatives to describe how they have benefited from our federal surplus property program.

If you would like more information about NASASP, please call Gary A. Gray, Federal Program Manager, at 410-540-4066.

Anne MacKinnon,  
Director, MSASP

# MSASP Hits the Beach & Armory

Representatives from MSASP attended the Maryland Municipal League (MML) convention June 12-14, in Ocean City, Maryland. This event was held to celebrate all municipalities in the state of Maryland, and officials from almost every corner of the state attended.

MSASP was there to educate the officials about how surplus property can help them save costs on obtaining items such as computers, furniture, and vehicles for their towns.

Many new friends stopped by, and old ones as well,

and realized that the MSASP they once knew is no more! We have changed for the better.



Representatives from MSASP also attended the 2000 Clerical Workers' Conference at the 5th Regiment Armory in Baltimore.

This conference, created to celebrate, educate, and promote the clerical workers of the State of Maryland,

was a full-day event complete with motivational speakers, breakout sessions, and exhibitors, where MSASP gave out literature to the conference attendees.

Stay tuned to this spot next issue for reports on the Maryland Association of Counties conference and the NASASP conference.



MSASP employees pose under our new sign.

# Eagle Scouts & MSASP

MSASP would like to thank John Hechmer, son of State Program Manager Mark Hechmer, who as part of his advancement to Eagle Scout improved the island entrance from the road way to the warehouse. The Boy Scouts of America require a community service project as a major requirement to becoming an Eagle Scout.

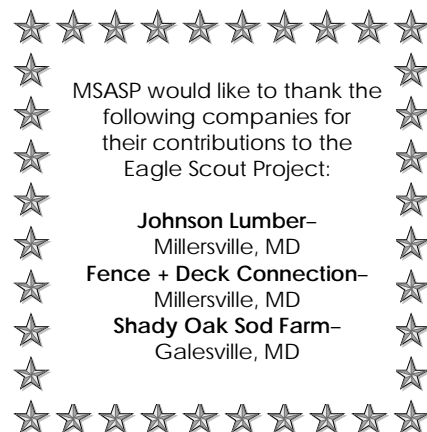


Landscaping efforts in progress at the warehouse.

John met with Anne MacKinnon, MSASP Director, and did a presentation which detailed two options for the warehouse entrance. He described the materials that would be required, tools to be used, and the hours the project would take. John was successful in having the supplies donated for the entire project. He served as the project leader, managing the site and overseeing the work performed by volunteers—other scouts receiving community service credit.

John is a recent graduate of Arch Bishop Spalding High School and has plans to attend Anne Arundel Community

College this fall. Again, MSASP would like to extend its appreciation to John Hechmer for his contribution to our facility. We would also like to thank the leadership of Boy Scout Troop #346.



## SURPLUS STORE (STATE)



Table & Benches \$24



Book Display Unit \$60



Laser Disc Player \$20



Butterfly Chair/\$75 each.



Truck \$5,947

For more information and  
availability of these items,  
call Mark Hechmer at  
410-540-4067

## SURPLUS STORE (STATE)



1995 Ford Pick-up Truck \$9,070



Front end loader \$22,000

### State Item of the Month

1995 Bronco, Yellow/white top \$7,930



### Federal Item of the Month

Lamp \$7



## SURPLUS STORE (FEDERAL)



Office Chair \$15/each



Government Pajamas \$24/dozen



Scale \$240



Oven Range \$250



Lawn Mower \$68

For more information and  
availability of these  
items, call Gary Gray at  
410-540-4066

# Spotlight on Computers



The MSASP computer section

When you walk into the warehouse, the first thing you see are rows and rows of computers, computer equipment, and other accessories. The good news is that these items are available to everyone, whether you shop us as part of the general public, or as a donee organization.

You'll find our selection unbeatable. Starting with a monitor, choose one to suit your viewing needs. Moving onto a CPU, we have many different drive speeds and hard drive capacities. Finish up with a keyboard and a mouse for less than you would pay for lunch at most fast food drive-throughs.



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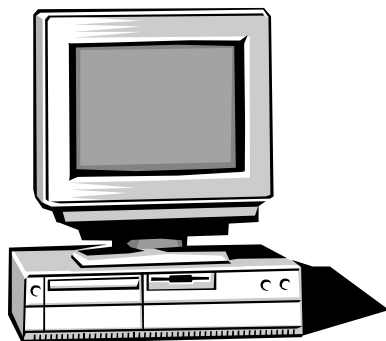
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We want to know what you think!

These days, everything is done on the computer. From holiday shopping to balancing the family budget. People also choose to relax with the computer as well, frequenting chat-rooms, exploring on-line bidding arenas, and participating in newsgroups which serve as virtual bulletin boards for topics which interest them. There is just so much available to look at, read, and do.



Your computer purchase at surplus will also aid students living in your home. Internet research, calculation programs, and word processing software are all becoming integral to a successful education. Buying a computer for your student rewards your initial investment many times over.

If you already have a computer and are interested in upgrading your package, consider shopping surplus for accessories.

Visit our computer section for scanners, printers, and laptops. These items come and go quickly, so make sure to check back often.

A laptop will give you the ease of access to your files, the internet, and desktop publishing all from the car, train, hotel room, business meeting, etc. Scanners will help you to include documents in presentation, distribute photographs to family members, and copy paperwork easily.

And having your own printer means that you have access to a paper copy of your document when *you* want it. And that's important!

MSASP helps you stay on top of the computer world for much less than it would cost you to go to a computer superstore or retailer.

Come in to check out our selection and you can even try out your equipment before you purchase it.



A customer tests computer supplies at MSASP

# Going, Going, Gone!

As of Saturday, June 10th, fish and plant life in Ocean City have a new home. Aquatic life at the shore will soon be residing in a retired, 157-foot Coast Guard Buoy Tender which was deposited in the ocean as part of Ocean City's artificial reef program.

The reef program, which is concerned with obtaining large vessels, tanks, concrete products to sink



into the middle of the ocean, provides necessary shelter and growth space for ocean life. The glare from the sun on top of the water will cause plant life and fish to become hot and possibly die without crevices in which to live. To aid our ecosystem, "recycling" has become a natural part of ocean life.

The Ocean City reef program has partnered with the Maryland State Agency for Surplus Property since 1994, obtaining other items for sinking such as Navy ammunition barges, Coast Guard Cutters and buoy tenders, tanks, and armored personnel carriers.

This sinking's contribution was the Red Beech, which was built 1965 in Curtis Bay, used on the east coast for over 35 years. It was retired in 1999, acquired by Ocean City to be put to rest by the US Army's 949th Transportation Company.

Those who were lucky to attend the sinking sailed out 20 miles into the middle of the ocean, enduring waves which splashed over the sides of the boat and soaked all



sightseers. Although waves were rocky and the water cold, all aboard were anticipating something unlike they had ever seen before.

From the moment the Red Beech's valves were opened, the ship took about 18 minutes to sink. The ship began taking on water in the stern, gradually lapping up over the rear deck, and into the open hatches. The water

kept rising to the level of the main deck windows and then rushed in the forward hatches, pushing the ship below the surface to her new home as Ocean City's latest fish condominium.

Finally, as if in a moment straight out of the movie *Titanic*, the front end of the boat reared up in the air. It continued forward for a few moments, sinking gradually into the water. When just the



tip of the front of the boat could be seen (and everyone's film had been spent), the Army sailed in, picking up bits of debris which had flaked off the ship. Soon after, there was no visible clues at all that anything so incredible had taken place.

The Ocean City reef program exists by corporate and private donations and is maintained by the Town of Ocean City. Those interested in contributing to the reef program should contact Bob Mason of the Recreation and Parks Department at 410-250-0125. MSASP will continue to provide items to be deposited in the bottom of the ocean.



MSASP reps Heather Brautman, Mark Hechmer, and Anne MacKinnon at the ship sinking.

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### ***Surplus Makes Sense!***

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## MSASP Can Come to You

You may already know about the benefits of using surplus property in your organization. But what about the rest of the group? Are there other people who may benefit from a demonstration or an information session?

MSASP can come to you. We would be happy to attend one of your group's meetings and share with them what positive results they will see from purchasing surplus property.

Groups such as the Boy Scouts and volunteer firefighters have already taken advantage of this convenient "living classroom", and now it's your turn!

A representative from MSASP is available to visit your group whenever it's convenient—mornings, afternoons, evenings, and weekends. We will tailor our presentation to your group's needs, and distribute informative literature and helpful information. *You* may have made many trips to the warehouse recently, but others in your group will now be able to see what a great resource it is!

If you are interested in having an MSASP rep speak at a meeting, please call Heather Brautman at 410-540-4061 today.

### MSASP Calendar

We are open the following Saturdays from 8am-4pm:

August 26\*  
September 9\*  
September 23\*  
October 14\*  
October 28\*  
November 4  
November 18  
December 9  
December 16

\* We will be holding our yard sales on these days. Call 410-540-4061 to find out about vendor opportunities.



Don't forget, we're open until 8pm on Thursdays!